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ABSTRACT

In the Illinois public community colleges, disadvantaged student grant funds are allocated by formula, with each eligible college receiving a basic grant of $20,000, and the remaining appropriation distributed to each district based on the number of credit hours produced in the remedial and adult basic and secondary education funding categories the second past year. In fiscal year (FY) 1985, the 38 Illinois community college districts reported a total of 293,667 students who received support services and 19,182 students who enrolled in courses funded by the grants. Testing and evaluation were the most heavily used support services, followed by special educational and career counseling, and tutoring. A comparison of the number of students receiving support services between FY 1983 and 1985 reveals an 81% increase in the number of students receiving tutoring services, a 69% increase in testing and evaluation, and a 56% increase in special educational and career counseling services. As a result of a change in rules governing grant expenditures, the number of course sections provided through grant funding decreased by 66% and the number of credit hours produced declined by 76%. The largest proportion of the FY 1985 appropriation (61%) was expended on salaries and benefits for tutors, counselors, and other support staff, with the next largest expenditure category being administration. Although there are other funding sources for special services for disadvantaged students, the disadvantaged student grant has become the major source of funding through which colleges provide the special services needed by academically disadvantaged students to succeed in their chosen program of study. (RO)

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FISCAL YEAR 1985 DISADVANTAGED STUDENT GRANT REPORT

REPORT: This report presents a statewide summary of the services and courses that were supported by the Fiscal Year 1985 disadvantaged student grant of $5.3 million. Disadvantaged student grant funds are allocated by formula, with each eligible college receiving a basic grant of $20,000, and the remaining appropriation distributed to each district based on the number of credit hours produced in the remedial and adult basic and secondary education funding categories the second past year. This distribution serves as an approximate indicator of the number of academically disadvantaged students who need services at each community college.

Support Services Provided

In Fiscal Year 1985, the 38 Illinois public community college districts* reported a total of 293,667 students (duplicated) who received support services (up 96,249 students from Fiscal Year 1984) and 19,182 students (duplicated) who enrolled in courses (down 32,987 students from Fiscal Year 1984) funded by the disadvantaged student grants. Of the 38 districts, 34 used the disadvantaged student grant funds to provide tutoring, 31 districts used these funds to provide educational and career counseling and testing and evaluation, 28 districts used these funds to provide referrals to external agencies, and 19 districts used the disadvantaged student grant funds to provide other direct support services, such as readers and notetakers for the visually impaired, interpreters for the hearing impaired, and mobility assistance for the physically handicapped, as seen in Table I.

Of all the services provided through the disadvantaged student grant in Fiscal Year 1985, the testing and evaluation category showed the highest number of students using the service (92,068 students), accounting for 136,189 contact hours or an average of 1.5 contact hours per student. The second highest category of student use was special educational and career counseling, with 89,450 students accounting for 148,892 contact hours or 1.7 contact hours per student. While tutoring was third in the number of students using the service, tutoring produced the highest number of contact hours (453,788) or an average of six contact hours per student.

* State Community College (SCC) does not receive a separate disadvantaged student grant and, therefore, is not included in this report. SCC provides services for disadvantaged students through its regular state appropriation.

Table I

STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH ICCB
DISADVANTAGED STUDENT GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985

Support Services	Number of Districts Providing Service	Number of Students*	Number of Contact Hours
Tutoring	34	75,099	453,788
Educational/Career Counseling	31	89,450	148,892
Testing/ Evaluation	31	92,068	136,189
Referrals to External Agencies	28	15,774	9,008
Other Direct Support Services	19	21,276	124,236

*Unduplicated by service.

Table II compares the number of students receiving each of these five support services in Fiscal Years 1983, 1984, and 1985. The highest percentage increase in the use of a support service between Fiscal Year 1983 and Fiscal Year 1985 was in tutoring services at 81 percent, due in part to additional colleges providing tutoring services. The second highest increase was in the use of testing and evaluation, with an increase of 69 percent from Fiscal Year 1983 to Fiscal Year 1985, suggesting that colleges are placing a greater emphasis on assessment testing for course placement purposes. The number of students seeking special educational and career counseling services increased by 56 percent from Fiscal Year 1983 to Fiscal Year 1985. This increase was perhaps due to the growing numbers of older adults returning to campus through displaced worker and displaced homemaker programs.

Table II

COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS* RECEIVING SUPPORT SERVICES
THROUGH DISADVANTAGED STUDENT GRANTS IN FISCAL YEARS 1983, 1984, AND 1985

Support Service	FY 1983	FY 1984	FY 1985	FY 83-85 % Increase
Tutoring	41,421	67,180	75,099	81%
Education/Career Counseling	57,404	51,125	89,450	56%
Testing/Evaluation	54,503	52,636	92,068	69%
Referrals to External Agencies	13,249	7,740	15,774	19%
Other Direct Support Services	17,469	18,418	21,276	21%

*Unduplicated by service provided.

Courses Provided

Table III presents a comparison of the number of courses offered and the credit hours they produced that were supported by the disadvantaged student grant in Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985. The ICCB Rules governing disadvantaged student grant expenditures were amended for Fiscal Year 1985 to allow expenditures for courses only if the courses were not also claimed for credit hour grant funding. Consequently, the number of course sections provided through the disadvantaged student grant decreased by 66 percent and the number of credit hours produced declined by 76 percent. Appendix A shows the number of students served in both services and courses in Fiscal Year 1985 through the disadvantaged student grant by district.

Table III

COMPARISON OF COURSES SUPPORTED THROUGH DISADVANTAGED STUDENT GRANTS
IN FISCAL YEARS 1984 AND 1985

	Number of Districts		Number of Students*		Number of Credit Hours		Number of Course Sections	
Courses	FY 1984	FY 1985	FY 1984	FY 1985	FY 1984	FY 1985	FY 1984	FY 1985
Adult Basic Education	19	10	20,187	5,206	90,461	12,527	1,583	364
Adult Secondary Education	22	10	14,181	5,057	61,849	13,760	1,010	395
English as a Second Language	17	7	11,987	4,628	70,125	17,149	1,153	156
Remedial	15	9	5,814	4,291	13,014	13,182	418	508

*Unduplicated by line.

Expenditures

Table IV compares unaudited disadvantaged student grant expenditures by category for Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985. Of the $5.3 million appropriated in Fiscal Year 1985, the largest proportion (61 percent) was expended on salaries and benefits for tutors, counselors, and other direct support service staff, such as readers or notetakers for the blind, interpreters for the deaf, and drivers for handicapped students. The next largest expenditure category in Fiscal Year 1985 was administration at 21 percent. ICCB Rules require that the total administrative expenditures not exceed 30 percent of each district's total disadvantaged student grant. This category includes administrative and office staff salaries, office equipment, utilities, and rental of facilities. Expenditures for instructional equipment and for administration increased significantly in Fiscal Year 1985 compared to Fiscal Year 1984, while expenditures for staff development decreased substantially. Expenditures for travel and instructional materials remained constant. Appendix B shows the reported Fiscal Year 1985 disadvantaged student grant expenditures by district.

Table IV

COMPARISON OF UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES OF
DISADVANTAGED STUDENT GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1984 AND 1985

Expenditure Category	FY 1984 Dollars	Percent	FY 1985 Dollars	Percent	Percent Increase/ (Decrease)
Salaries and Benefits	$3,710,490	74.4%	$3,221,489	61.0%	(15%)
Instructional Materials	462,226	9.3	432,332	8.2	(6)
Instructional Equipment	29,090	0.6	470,935	8.9	1519
Travel	33,265	0.7	34,824	0.7	9
Staff Development	33,319	0.7	11,709	0.2	(35)
Administration	719,278	14.4	1,110,850	21.0	65
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$4,987,668	100.1%	$5,282,139	100.0%	6%
TOTAL ALLOCATION	$5,000,000		$5,300,000		6%

Conclusion

Community college districts in Illinois reported expending the $5.3 million Fiscal Year 1985 disadvantaged student grant funds to provide support services and courses to 312,849 students (duplicated). There were 872,113 student services contact hours made and 56,618 course credit hours generated as a result of this grant during Fiscal Year 1985.

Although there are other funding sources for special services for disadvantaged students, including special needs grants for occupational students from the Illinois State Board of Education, local college support, and other state and federal funding, the disadvantaged student grant has become the major source of funding through which the colleges provide the special services that academically disadvantaged students need to succeed in their chosen programs of study. The results shown in this statewide report substantiate the continued need for the disadvantaged student grant. This grant is essential for the community colleges to continue to provide the special support services needed by large numbers of academically disadvantaged students.

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Appendix A

SUMMARY OF STUDENTS SERVED THROUGH DISADVANTAGED STUDENT GRANTS IN FISCAL YEAR 1985 BY DISTRICT*

		SERVICES					COURSES			
Dist. No.	District Name	Tutoring	Educational/ Career Counseling	Testing Evaluation	Referral	Other Support	Remedial	ABE	ASE	ESL
501	Kaskaskia	534	235	507	122		137	79	15	4
502	DuPage	2,739			580		1,279	965	364	2,870
503	Black Hawk	2,322	1,100	1,900	600					
504	Triton	851	1,289	6,100	980					
505	Parkland		266							
506	Sauk Valley		956	1,821	1004					
507	Danville	205	1,044	794	4	2	15	108	308	93
508	Chicago	51,973	63,479	52,332	6,391	17,027				
509	Elgin	332	1,214	1,529	75					
510	Thornton	7,063	2,500	1,250	3,750	690				
511	Rock Valley	487		255						
512	Harper	53	1,058	169	550	15				
513	Illinois Valley	60								
514	Illinois Central	100	1,080	600	375	175	139	312	133	
515	Prairie State	174	16	174	16	3				
516	Waubonsee	185	143	2,670		99	943	371	304	911
517	Lake Land	434	142	600	10	751				
518	Carl Sandburg	466	506	838	100	1				
519	Highland	27	89	311	68					
520	Kankakee	486	1,467	1,453	152	54	472	2,360	1,651	24
521	Rend Lake	70		966	20					
522	Belleville	12	691					20		
523	Kishwaukee	235	603	1,610	100			217	238	148
524	Moraine Valley	1,261	172	2,306	36	74	650			
525	Joliet Junior	500	50	120	80	400		48	3	
526	Lincoln Land	492								
527	Morton	138	795			3				
528	McHenry County	56		16		8	423	570	482	558
529	Illinois Eastern	1,121	1,051	1,268	174	162				
530	Logan	73	55	65	14	26				
531	Shawnee								1,336	
532	Lake County	372	779	935	1,084	1,664	168			
533	Southeastern	375	500	120	150					
534	Spoon River		95	359	10		65	156	223	20
535	Oakton	1,384	6,248	7,883		121				
536	Lewis & Clark	129	587	1,915	162					
537	Richland	43	1,100	1,100	43	1				
539	John Wood	347	140	102	28					
	TOTALS	75,099	89,450	92,068	15,774	21,276	4,291	5,206	5,057	4,628

*State Community College District 601 is not eligible for the disadvantaged student grant.

SOURCE OF DATA: 1985 Disadvantaged Student Grant Reports

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Appendix B

UNAUDITED DISADVANTAGED STUDENT GRANT EXPENDITURES IN FISCAL YEAR 1985 BY DISTRICT

Dist. No.	District Name	1985 Total Allocation	1985 Total Expenditure	SALARIES & BENEFITS				Instructional Materials	Instructional Equipment	Travel	Staff Development	Administrative Expenditures
				Instructors	Tutors	Counselors	Other Support					
501	Kaskaskia	$ 24,708.00	$ 24,708.00	$ -0-	$ 6,238.89	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 4,945.98	$ 5,669.67	$ -0-	$ 443.46	$ 7,410.00
502	DuPage	85,838.00	85,838.00	-0-	45,722.70	-0-	-0-	4,580.42	13,036.67	811.00	-0-	21,687.21
503	Black Hawk	123,407.00	123,407.00	-0-	53,213.58	-0-	-0-	26,889.70	4,424.08	3,741.75	-0-	35,137.89
504	Triton	98,404.00	98,404.00	-0-	19,668.92	51,486.58	-0-	4,493.14	-0-	-0-	1,161.13	21,594.23
505	Parkland	41,892.00	42,572.64	-0-	-0-	42,572.64	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
506	Rock Valley	29,333.00	29,333.00	-0-	-0-	20,809.00	-0-	364.58	485.38	145.70	115.20	7,413.14
507	Danville	37,552.00	37,499.65	4,302.70	4,392.63	7,389.10	154.10	2,100.37	9,888.11	1,045.24	363.79	7,863.61
508	Chicago	3,348,802.00	3,348,802.00	3,952.37	823,025.08	317,475.96	894,045.68	238,277.23	381,584.25	140.82	-0-	690,300.61
509	Elgin	53,353.00	53,353.00	-0-	18,594.72	-0-	1,221.75	16,600.71	205.60	2,001.79	-0-	14,728.43
510	Thornton	113,388.00	113,687.00	-0-	65,389.00	8,429.00	-0-	2,825.00	1,580.00	3,474.00	-0-	31,990.00
511	Rock Valley	38,365.00	38,365.00	-0-	23,010.81	-0-	-0-	3,545.14	-0-	309.05	-0-	11,500.00
512	Harper	81,321.00	81,321.00	-0-	8,330.85	41,683.97	6,681.12	-0-	702.50	858.56	-0-	23,064.00
513	Illinois Valley	31,213.00	31,257.19	-0-	2,191.03	-0-	10,291.36	5,917.53	2,833.08	862.40	325.00	8,836.79
514	Illinois Central	56,340.00	56,340.00	-0-	-0-	40,354.03	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	15,985.97
515	Prairie State	28,238.00	28,238.06	-0-	27,738.76	-0-	138.00	273.42	87.88	-0-	-0-	-0-
516	Waubonsee	50,594.00	50,594.00	-0-	39,494.00	-0-	-0-	1,849.00	-0-	950.00	200.00	7,901.00
517	Lake Land	30,422.00	30,422.00	-0-	3,839.89	22,269.14	1,770.76	-0-	169.88	118.00	80.45	2,173.88
518	Carl Sandburg	33,552.00	33,552.00	-0-	14,551.78	12,000.00	-0-	417.52	-0-	-0-	-0-	6,582.70
519	Highland	36,514.00	36,514.00	-0-	3,000.00	8,535.00	4,800.13	4,272.03	180.00	257.77	4,420.74	11,048.33
520	Kankakee	78,245.00	78,245.00	-0-	26,986.42	17,835.94	-0-	5,916.37	4,991.25	270.02	100.00	22,145.00
521	Rend Lake	30,016.00	30,016.00	-0-	12,068.00	4,692.00	-0-	3,816.88	459.09	-0-	-0-	8,980.03
522	Belleville	53,575.00	52,528.43	4,950.82	273.00	221.00	-0-	13,950.51	18,815.80	6,931.47	0-	7,385.83
523	Kishwaukee	47,553.00	47,553.00	-0-	9,293.72	15,792.38	-0-	6,712.71	-0-	1,200.90	287.29	14,266.00
524	Moraine Valley	63,169.00	63,173.42	11,782.97	5,078.50	14,013.65	9,227.92	2,173.18	3,094.25	1,318.27	1,243.40	15,241.28
525	Joliet	89,410.00	79,668.68	6,996.00	5,850.69	646.48	8,682.17	23,520.51	3,767.73	664.50	273.70	29,266.90
526	Lincoln Land	27,873.00	27,872.98	-0-	-0-	-0-	18,542.00	347.19	-0-	550.00	72.79	8,361.00
527	Morton	28,483.00	28,483.00	-0-	1,356.00	6,937.66	735.00	3,338.32	7,758.07	-0-	12.95	8,345.00
528	McHenry	25,305.00	25,305.00	-0-	7,646.57	-0-	8,353.27	2,235.15	-0-	1,820.21	611.72	4,628.08
529	Illinois Eastern	124,530.00	124,530.00	-0-	26,168.39	36,627.00	27,000.00	13,271.35	2,385.76	182.00	-0-	18,895.50
530	Logan	29,838.00	29,838.00	-0-	25,637.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,201.00
531	Shawnee	29,505.00	29,523.36	-0-	2,800.00	15,000.00	-0-	10,922.76	361.80	438.80	-0-	-0-
532	Lake County	59,807.00	60,141.99	-0-	11,399.78	25,769.42	10,325.35	3,535.99	4,890.00	1,949.15	1,996.95	275.35
533	Southeastern	27,144.00	27,879.12	-0-	13,851.40	3,000.00	-0-	2,311.37	1,324.36	749.01	-0-	6,642.98
534	Spoon River	29,451.00	20,871.46	-0-	-0-	4,885.04	-0-	7,151.12	-0-	-0-	-0-	8,835.30
535	Oakton	89,343.00	89,343.00	-0-	40,000.00	40,000.00	0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	9,343.00
536	Lewis & Clark	56,435.00	56,435.00	-0-	13,232.29	17,717.26	12,915.63	3,930.13	-0-	1,631.62	-0-	7,008.07
537	Richland	39,578.00	39,612.00	-0-	2,499.00	16,011.00	195.00	8,606.00	0	597.00	-0-	11,704.00
539	John Wood	27,502.00	26,912.40	-0-	12,203.69	7,024.76	-0-	3,240.42	2,239.97	1,795.37	0	108.19
	TOTALS	$5,300,000.00	$5,282,139.38	$31,984.86	$1,375,247.09	$799,178.01	$1,015,079.24	$432,331.73	$470,935.18	$34,824.40	$11,708.57	$1,110,850.30

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